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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4,
to authorize the issuance of special plates for the
management, protection, propagation and conservation of
fish and wildlife species.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(3), is amended by adding
a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

() Fish and wildlife species;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203, is amended by adding a
new item thereto, as follows:

Fish and wildlife species - twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles or recreational vehicles who are
residents of the State of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle or
recreational vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles or
recreational vehicles, and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle or
recreational vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a fish and
wildlife species special license plate, either for an automobile or recreational vehicle, or
a truck of one-half (½) or three-quarter (¾) ton rating.

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(b) The funds derived from the sale of such fish and wildlife species special license plates, less the expense the state has incurred in designing and manufacturing such plates, shall be deposited in the wildlife resources fund established at Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-401, to be used exclusively for management, protection, propagation and conservation of fish and wildlife species and the protection and enhancement of such species' habitats.

(c) The special plates provided for in this section shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of § 55-4-202, and shall be designed in consultation with the executive director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the director of the motor vehicle division and the Department of Safety. The special plates shall include a unique identifying number, whereby the total characters do not exceed the sum of seven (7); provided, that no two (2) recipients shall receive identical plates.

(d)

(1) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to mean that any eligible person shall be prevented from exchanging a regular type plate for one (1) of special design; provided, that the fees prescribed under § 55-4-203 are paid.

(2) The whole or parts of the fee for a special registration plate shall not be refunded for the exchange of a regular plate.

(e) Additional special license plates may be obtained by any eligible person upon payment of the regular license fee for plates, as prescribed under §55-4-111, plus the payment of the fee prescribed in § 55-4-203.

(f)

(1) Special plates issued pursuant to this section may be transferred to another vehicle of the same weight class owned or leased by the same person

upon proper application being made therefor and approved by the Department of Safety.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to whom such plates have been issued to knowingly permit them to be displayed on any vehicle, except such as authorized by the department.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-309(b), is amended by adding the language "fish and wildlife species plates as provided for in Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2," between the numbers and punctuation "55-4-252," and the word "crime".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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